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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 6061

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES

1. AMBASSADOR KE HUA, THE FIRST ENVOY OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE PHILIPPINES, HAS BEGUN HIS GOOD-BYE CALLS, SEEING PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS APRIL 13 AND LATER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE, IN PREPARATION FOR LEAVING THE PHILIPPINES APRIL 25. KE HUA REPORTEDLY WILL BE RETURNING TO PEKING. DURING THE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, MARCOS PRAISED THE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PRC. KE HUA, IN TURN, CONGRATULATED THE PRESIDENT ON THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE PHILIPPINES AND COMPLIMENTED MRS. MARCOS ON THE VICTORY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PARTY (KBL) IN THE RECENT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. THE CALL ON PRESIDENT MARCOS RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE NEWS COVERAGE IN ALL OF MANILA'S PRINCIPAL DAILY PAPERS.

2. KE HUA ASSUMED HIS POST IN DECEMBER 1975 AND HAS BUILT UP HIS EMBASSY TO ITS PRESENT STRENGTH OF ABOUT 35 PERSONNEL. DURING HIS TENURE THE CHINESE EMBASSY HAS MAINTAINED CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE GOP ALTHOUGH AT TIMES KE HUA HAS EXASPERATED DFA OFFICIALS WITH HIS  
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FREQUENT PROTESTS OVER A NUMBER OF LESSER ISSUES CONCERNING TAIWAN. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HE AND HIS MISSION HAVE THUS FAR ESCHEWED ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. KEEPING A RELATIVELY LOW PUBLIC PROFILE, HE HAS ACTIVELY CULTIVATED THE LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY, BUT WITH RATHER LIMITED SUCCESS. HE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT MORE SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING A CLOSER

STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONSHIP, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE RECENT  
VISIT OF VICE PREMIER LI. NONETHELESS, THE RP'S INFORMAL  
RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN REMAIN QUITE GOOD.  
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